

U.S. Application No. 10/816,117
AMENDMENT A

Attorney Docket No.: 4036.001

IN THE DRAWINGS

Replacement sheets for Figures 9 and 10 are attached.

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the Office Action of July 25, 2005, is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant has amended the Specification and Claim 10 to overcome the Examiner's objections. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the claim. Further, Applicant provides replacement sheets for Figures 9 and 10. Support for the replacement of Figure 9 can be found in original Figure 9 and page 15, paragraph [00045] of the Specification. Support for replacement of Figure 10 can be found in original Figure 10. Applicant has been careful to add no new matter.

Present Invention

The present invention is a trailer alignment apparatus, and more particularly, pertains to an apparatus that assists with the alignment of the coupling elements of the towing vehicle with the coupling elements of a trailer or other towed vehicle.

Office Action

Turning now to the Office Action in greater detail, our comments thereon are set forth below to facilitate your review.

Paragraph 1: Information Disclosure Statement)

Applicant notes that the most relevant references are cited by the Examiner on form PTO-892. Further, Applicant has no knowledge of any additional prior art that is relevant and should be considered by the Examiner.

Paragraphs 2 & 3: Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings and stated that they do not comply with 37 CFR 1.84(P)(5) because they do not include reference sign "45" as mentioned in the description in paragraph 45, line 1.

In response, Applicant noted the error. Replacements sheets for Figures 9 and 10 are attached. Further, Applicant states that the replacement sheet of Figure 9 includes the power source "45". The replacement sheets Figures 9 and 10 are presented to correct any informality in the drawings with regard to identifying numbers for the components of the apparatus.

Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Paragraph 4: Specification/Claim

The Examiner objected to the specification for having several typographical errors and word inconsistencies. Claim 10 is objected to due to informalities.

In response, applicant submits amendments to paragraphs, [0005] and [0009], to correct the inconsistent use of "drawbar". Further, Applicant is amending paragraphs [00054] and [00056] to correct the errors noted by the Examiner. With regard to paragraph [00056], Applicant references the fact that the electrical connection is depicted by the "schematic of Figure 11."

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

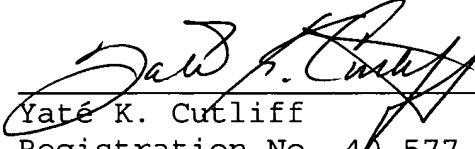
Paragraphs 5 & 6: Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes that the Examiner allowed Claims 1-16 and sets forth his reasoning on page 4.



All claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,


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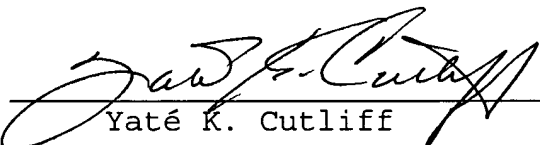
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT A for U.S. Application No. 10/816,117 filed April 1, 2004, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, with sufficient postage, addressed: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **September 20, 2005**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.


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